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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

MALLORY.

Dalcho School was compelled to close down last Tuesday on account of lack of funds. This school is known as one of the best country schools in the county. The building might be a credit to any community and the patrons are justly proud of it. The corps of teachers are a faculty to be proud of being the second highest salaried faculty in the county and have been re-elected though they have not yet accepted for next year. The board of trustees were not advised of the financial condition of the district until the eleventh hour and the closing was a surprise for which none were prepared. At a conference on Tuesday of teachers and trustees, the situation was thoroughly considered and an immediate closing was decided upon as the only possible course.

Mr. L. F. Ellis is erecting a nice cottage which will be when completed the best residence here.

Mr. W. W. Parham is also building splendid tenant house here and as a matter of fact the depressed state of affairs has not had much to do with the usual annual building program. Houses and repairs have gone on to completion with about the usual regularity.

The greatest difference noticeable in the activities around here is in the fertilizer movement. The hauling is much later and considerably less than for many years past.

Mr. M. H. Cox of Latta recently purchased the old home place of the late J. O. Lane and has planned for farming it.

The Beaufort Lumber Co. has laid a network of road throughout this neighborhood and will be very active for many months as their timber holdings here are considerable.

Fork.

Miss Coleen Bethea is spending some time in Greensboro, N. C. with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Rogers.

Mrs. E. G. Rogers of Marion is spending a few days here with relatives.

Misses Willie and Sadie Moore, students of Coker College are spending Easter holidays at home.

Mrs. Mary Rogers and Miss Nelle Edwards spent last week with Mrs. Eli Jones at Nichols.

Carroll Braswell and Burt Roberts of Wofford College Fitting School are home for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bethea are spending a few days at Spartanburg with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and little daughter, of Rowland, N. C., were in town Sunday.

Miss Annie Dameron and Mr. Edward Lane of Lynchburg, Va., are visiting Miss Margaret Dameron.

Miss Etta Sue Sellers held her monthly Home Demonstration at the school building last Tuesday afternoon. A very instructive thrift program was carried out. Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael was elected delegate to the federation which is to be in Dillon.

Sellers.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Sellers will be sorry to learn that she had to leave Columbia College and go to the city hospital for a few days treatment. She is much improved but it is not deemed best for her to return to college this spring.

Mr. Felix Smith is taking a business course at Charlotte, N. C.

Misses Elizabeth, Ruth and Celeste Sellers came in Thursday night from Columbia College for the Easter holidays.

The Methodist church was decorated on Easter with violets, roses and Easter lilies. Rev. P. K. Crosby preached an able sermon.

Miss Nell Sellers spent the Easter holidays with her uncle, Mr. T. J. Watson, superintendent of the St. Matthews Graded School.

Miss Josie Harper of Toddsville spent Easter with her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Haselden.

Mr. Allen Harmon of Florence, Mr. Paul Oliver of Marietta and Mr. Harry Sellers of Latta were in Sellers Sunday.

Mrs. Sue Spell of Fayetteville spent last week with her son Mr. D. P. Spell here.

There will be a contest at the school house Friday night, at which representatives will be selected for Field Day at Marion.

The Ladies' Cooperating Club will meet Friday, April 1st with Mrs. W. D. Sellers.

Oak Grove.

The second quarterly conference for the Brownsville Circuit was held at New Holly last Monday afternoon. Rev. D. H. Phillips of Marion presiding. Dr. W. C. Kirkland of Latta made a talk outlining the main features of the christian education movement now being waged by the Methodist church throughout its borders.

Miss Emily Penn of the Oak Grove school spent the Easter in Columbia. S. W. Epps of Latta visited the Oak Grove school last week in the interest of the different clubs he has organized among the boys in this school.

Douglas Brigman of the Oak Grove school has the distinction of winning second prize in the state contest for the best acre of cotton last year. He made a yield of 2800 pounds of Moore long staple. The second prize is seventy five dollars in cash and a trip to Charleston to the meeting of the club boys of the state at an early date. Manuel Wise a member of

Texas Cutting Acreage.

Florence, S. C., March 26—Texas is cutting her acreage very materially according to private advices received here. One of the most notable of these, probably, is a letter from Mr. W. L. Pendergraft, of Columbus, Texas, editor of The Colorado Citizen, to Mr. Charles C. Graham, of Dillon. The letter was brought to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Graham while he was in the city today. It is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—It is the estimate of bankers and farmers that cotton acreage in this county will be reduced nearly 50 per cent this year. The small farmer is making a very small reduction, but the big land owner is reducing from half to three fourths.

"There is very little fertilizer used in this county. The county agent informs me that not more than half as much will be used this year as was used in 1920."

Much interest and inquiry has been found in this section of the state regarding the attitude and action of Texas, Oklahoma, and other of the western cotton producing states. In some instances, states the secretary here, a tendency not to cut has been noticed in some farmers who were under the impression that Texas is not cutting and was expecting to make a killing on the 1921 crop because of the cutting in other states.

"We see that cutting acreage very severely is imperative this year, and may be next year too," states the secretary. "As a matter of good business we must concede that point. But, for the individual farmer, he must determine his action by answering one question to himself. Is cotton a good investment and good business now? If it is, plant all he can. If it is not, lay off of it as he would lay off of a gulldied brick."

"Coffee Bean" Agents Appear in South Carolina.

Columbia, March 25—The "coffee bean" agent has been at work in several parts of South Carolina, according to J. Rhett Clark, farm demonstration agent for Richland county, and in many sections farmers have been "stung," contracts having been signed in many cases.

The "coffee bean" agent is one who offers the farmers a bean, called the coffee bean, which he always says will net them big profits. He offers to sell the beans at \$25 a bushel and to buy back what are produced at \$65 per bushel. Mr. Clark says the bean has no economic value and persons signing such contracts are the losers.

The seventh grade won a prize in the calf club. These things are beneficial to our boys and girls and will mean better farming in years to come and create among the boys of tomorrow a desire to do things on a larger scale.

A few farmers of this section are using a small amount of fertilizer under the cotton and some are not using any at all.

It looks as if there will be a considerable reduction in acreage around here and that there will be an unusually large corn crop planted.

Minturn.

Misses Thelma Hedgpeeth and Sarah Watson of Rowland spent the week end with Miss Lizzie Sinclair.

Quite a number of the young folk enjoyed a Christian Endeavor Social at Mr. M. F. Edwards' Friday evening. Numerous games were enjoyed until a late hour when Mrs. Edwards assisted by Misses Mary and Julia Edwards served delicious hot chocolate, pound cake and bon-bons.

Mr. A. C. Dibble of Orangeburg, S. C., visited friends in Minturn this week end.

Mr. James McCormac attended the Junior-Senior reception at Flora MacDonald College Monday evening.

Miss Eloise Jackson is visiting relatives in Greeleyville, S. C.

Mr. James L. Alford spent several days last week with his brother who is attending P. C. of S. C.

Carolina.

Miss Winnie Walters spent the week end at her home in Florence. Misses Pearl McLaurin and Maud McInnis of Flora MacDonald College spent a few days at home last week.

The little folks of the community enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon on the church grounds.

Miss Mattie Easterling of Tatum spent Sunday with her niece, Mrs. Laurin McInnis.

Mr. D. B. McInnis carried his little daughter, Leora, to Fayetteville on last Thursday for a tonsil operation which we are glad to report was successful.

On last Tuesday the sad news was received here of the death of Miss Emily Alford, who has been in a Sanatorium at Black Mountain, N. C. for more than a year. Her body was brought home and laid to rest in Carolina cemetery on Thursday afternoon where a large number of friends and relatives paid their last tribute of love and respect to her memory. She became a member of Carolina church at an early age and was a devoted and loyal child of God during her entire life. Her's was a christian life of gentleness and sweetness and always had a good word and kind thought for everyone. Her life, her faith and works were loved and served with all her heart. And bore her burdens well.

HOME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT.

(Conducted by Etta Sue Sellers.)
My First Year in the Girls' Canning and Gardening Club By Mollie Wise.

Last spring when the County Home Demonstration Agent came to Oak Grove School encouraging girls to join the Canning Club, I decided to join. She gave me some tomato seed to plant. In the afternoon when I came home from school, I planted them on a tobacco bed which was prepared early in February.

When the plants came up I cared for them to the best of my ability by watering them and keeping all insects away.

I prepared my plot by first breaking up the land. Then then fertilizer was broadcast and the plot bedded up.

When the plants were about five weeks old, I transplanted them to the plot. Within a week they were growing and looking pretty. I hoeed them, loosening the dirt and bringing it close to the plants. After a few days I ploughed them. I continued hoeing and plowing them once a week until the last of June.

The plants were pruned about the first of June. The first bloom was found May the 15th and the first fruit the 31st of May.

Bordeaux mixture with the addition of arsenate of lead was used as a spray.

I attended the Boys' and Girls' Club encampment at Reedy Creek Springs the 7th, 8th and 9th of July. While there we were taught canning in glass and tin, pickling, stenciling, bread making and preserving eggs in water glass. I enjoyed the trips very much. When I came home from the encampment I began canning my tomatoes. I canned 135 quarts in tin and 42 quarts in glass. I made 12 quarts of green tomato mince meat, 4 quarts of mixed pickle, some green tomato pickle, tomato catsup, tomato preserves and paste pickle. Beside what I canned from my plot, I canned other vegetables and fruits, made pickles and preserves to the amount of 530 quarts.

About half of my tomatoes were lost on account of the heavy rains. I also completed the required amount of sewing.

I think every girl should join the canning and gardening club. We learn things in the club work that we would not learn otherwise. The lessons taught here will always be useful to us. So here are three cheers for the Dillon County Gardening and Canning Club!

Minutes of Girls' Club Meeting at Fork.

The Girls' Home Demonstration Sewing Club of Fork held its first regular meeting Tuesday, March 14th. The following officers were elected: President, Sarah Taylor; Vice-President, Kathleen Rogers; Secretary, Alma Rogers. We made very pretty sewing bags of cretonne. The sewing work is very interesting, and we are looking forward to the other lessons. We will make 9 different garments and can 24 jars of vegetables and fruits.

Alma Rogers, Secretary.

Seed House Destroyed.

There was a report current here Sunday that fire had destroyed the Rowland Oil Mill. This was a mistake. Fire destroyed a seed house and a quantity of seed owned by and near the Oil Mill. The loss was covered by insurance.

Julius David Smith.

Julius David Smith died at his home near Gaddy's Mill March 15, 1921, at the age of 39 years, six months and seven days. The cause of his death was pneumonia. He was sick only a few days. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Ledbetter of the Methodist church of Lake View church.

Mr. Smith is survived by his aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith, his wife, five small children and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. H. Bullock, Fairmont, N. C.; Mrs. J. B. Miller, Lake View, S. C.; Mrs. Ellen Miller, Lake View, S. C.; Mrs. E. P. Miller, Dillon, S. C.; Andrew Smith, Fairmont, N. C.; Rev. W. B. Smith, Nashville, Ga.; J. G. Smith, Lake View, S. C.; R. C. Smith, Axson, Ga.; and H. Jake Smith, Hamer, S. C.

Merchants Agree to Close.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree and pledge ourselves to close our stores at six-thirty p. m. on all week days excepting Saturdays from March 28th until Sept. 1st, 1921:

J. D. Hargrove.
O. W. Jackson.
Wm. Brick.
Morris Fass.
Jones Dry Goods Co.
S. G. Saleeby.
The Elfenbein Co.
David Fass.
M. B. Blumberg.
Williams Furniture Co.
Blum & Kornblut.
(per A. Rosenberg.)
Blum & Blumberg.
The Fashion Shop.
(Mrs. Jno. R. Watson.)
Carmichael-Moody Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osteen motored to Lake View Sunday.

Fred M. Garner of Goldsboro, N. C., spent Tuesday in town on business.

BIGHAM DECLARED GUILTY.

Jury Returns Murder Verdict After Brief Deliberation.

A Florence county jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against Edmund Bigham Monday afternoon. The case had been in progress since Thursday, and although court should have closed Saturday the case was carried over till Monday by consent.

The case attracted wide spread attention. Bigham was charged with the murder of his mother, his brother, his sister and two nephews by adoption, the details of the gruesome tragedy having been published in The Herald some weeks ago. Bigham was tried first on the charge of having murdered his brother. All the members of the family were killed at the same time and under the same circumstances.

The case was given to the jury at 1:15 o'clock Monday afternoon and at 3:25, following a recess to 3 o'clock and after a wait of some minutes to bring the prisoner into court, the jury's verdict of guilty of murder was read to a court room crowded with spectators.

Then, after a painful wait of minutes while the clerk of the court searched for the ceremonial of the arraignment for sentence, and an harangue by the prisoner in response to Judge Memminger's question if he had anything to say in his own behalf the death sentence was pronounced and Bigham knew that he was to die on Friday, April 8, unless the Supreme Court grants a reversal of the verdict on the appeal which Attorney A. L. King, announced his intention to make.

Smile is Wiped Off.

Bigham's stolid indifference to everything around him, his apparent inability to grasp the solemnity of the proceedings or of the seriousness of his own position, his readiness to respond with a smile on less than no provocation all passed when the prisoner came into court to hear the verdict.

He resumed in part his role of injured innocent when he sat in the dock for final arraignment. For a time he leaned forward his head resting on his hand as if he prayed for strength to go through the ordeal he had been called upon to pass. He listened with no special interest while his attorneys moved for a new trial and while Judge Memminger, in refusing it alluded with much feeling to the fact that Bigham's father had while a State Senator from Florence County cast his vote in favor of putting Judge Memminger on the bench.

The shocking import of the whole thing seemed to reach him slowly, but as its realization progressed by degrees, the ashen pallor that had shown in his face all day became more marked, the air of bravado passed into a pitiable weakness that caused the man to look here and there about the audience with the expression of a hunted animal surrounded by men who sought its life. The old Bigham had passed and did not show again until Judge Memminger asked him what he had to say that sentence should not be pronounced against him. Then, leaning forward on the railing of the prisoner's dock and in a voice that was calm and unshaken, the prisoner spoke as follows: "I have nothing to say except that I am innocent. I know nothing of how that crime was committed. That is the truth, so help me God." "That's all I have to say. I wish my mother could come down and tell how the thing happened. I wish that little boy had lived when I asked Dr. Poston to save his life. He would have told the same things I and my wife told. Judge, I hope you will give me time so some of the people who testified here against me may have a chance to come forward and tell the truth and not come too late like Judias making his offering of the thirty pieces of silver." "I do want to say something more. I hope you will take no exception to it. As far as you are concerned I have had a fair trial. But if people had had time to think things over, consider and take it up with their God, they would have testified differently."

Asked to Explain Pistol.

When asked to explain the finding of his pistol in his brother's hand, Bigham said: "I left that pistol in my bureau drawer and it has been testified that the door was found broken open. That is the only way Smiley could have got it. If I am guilty I hope I may be petrified in front of this courthouse, just as I was that day or as I am now. I am as innocent as a new born baby."

Bigham's show of weakness at the end may have been in some measure due to the fact that he was not sustained by the presence of his wife and children whose devotion has been so marked a feature of the trial. When it was announced that the jury was about to return to the court room Mrs. Bigham and the children left and heard the news of the verdict and sentence while in the office of the clerk of court downstairs. Mrs. Bigham fainted when she heard the verdict, and Mrs. Worrell, the wife of a Florence policeman, who has been her constant companion during the trial, went to the court room for a doctor. Dr. E. M. Hicks attended Mrs. Bigham and when she was made comfortable she was taken back to Mrs. Worrell's boarding house where she has been a guest.

S. G. Saleeby, who is at the Highsmith hospital is reported as improving.

Columbia - Lander - Wofford Banquet.

As a means of getting the college folk together in the interest of the Educational Campaign now being waged by the Southern Methodist church, a committee from the alumni and alumni of Columbia, Lander and Wofford Colleges decided upon a plan of having a banquet for the former students and others interested in these colleges. This banquet was given in the dining hall of the Hotel Latta last Saturday night at 9 o'clock. Plates were laid for 80.

As the guests were ushered into the dining room and before they took their seats, the Columbia College ladies presented their "stunt" of the evening. A number of ladies draped in white and wearing "Columbia Crowns" were arranged so as to represent the various courses of the college. "Music," "Art," "Science," "Christian Education" and "Business Courses" were represented.

After a hearty five course dinner was enjoyed, Dr. W. C. Kirkland in his happy and brief way, discussed the plan of the meeting, and introduced Mr. L. A. Manning, Jr., who responded to the toast "Wofford." Following Mr. Manning, Mrs. Hoyt Watson responded to the toast "Lander." Mrs. Watson stated that although the Lander girls present were fewer in numbers, she was sure that they were superior in quality. She gave a short history of the college, and stressed the fact that the ideals strived for were christian ideals and that the students going out into the world were students of christian service.

The Lander girls present then sang "Alma Mater", a song the words and music of which were composed by Mrs. Jno. O. Wilson, a daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Lander, the founder of the college. The song was beautifully rendered. Miss Mildred Smith then brought greetings from the Lander girls of today to Mrs. John Coleman, in a very happy manner, responded to the toast "Columbia." Mrs. Coleman gave a short history of education for women from 1860 to the present time. She paid a glowing tribute to her alma mater, Prof. W. D. Roberts of Dillon, also spoke in the interests of Columbia. Mr. Roberts, in a very pleasing and brief way, discussed the needs of the institution from a material standpoint, and showed how the sum of \$420,000 could be spent for the colleges. He made a plea for the woman's college in general.

Next the toastmaster introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. John G. Clinkscales of Wofford College. Dr. Clinkscales prefaced his remarks by stating that he had taught at all three of the institutions represented, and had also taught at Clemson College, being the only college professor in the State today who had ever taught at four colleges within the borders of the State. He brought words of greeting and good cheer from Columbia and Lander, but came in particular to state the crying needs of Wofford. Among a number of things sorely needed at the old college was a "Chair of Education" — of Christian Education, which might tend to counteract so much of the education received at our universities. The church college turned out men of character, and the world was certainly in need of such men today. He reviewed the life of Benj. Wofford, who, although he had stopped preaching, had so lived and left his mark that today he is preaching from the walls of the old College in Spartanburg to thousands of men in the south and in the nation. He eulogized the late Dr. James H. Carls, and showed what a man of christian character can do. He ended his remarks with a plea to the men of this country to support christian education now, even though we were all crying hard times, for our boys and girls were constantly growing, and could not wait on better times to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Return.

The following from the Index-Journal of Greenwood will be of interest to Dillon county folk:

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson will be interested to know that they have returned on their first furlough after seven years of splendid missionary work in Brazil. They, with their two little sons, are spending some time with Mrs. Watson's mother, Mrs. E. H. Miller, at her home at Smithville and will go later to Latta for a visit to Mr. Watson's people. Mrs. Watson who was Miss Annie Miller before her marriage, was a daughter of the late Rev. B. F. Miller and is a niece of Mr. S. D. Miller of this city, where she has been loved and admired from her girlhood.

Services At The Methodist Church.

Main Street Methodist Church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the Pastor.

Morning Subject: "The Heart Element in Our Religion."

Evening Subject: "The Indispensable Christ."

Junior Epworth League at 4 P. M., Miss Mildred Sellers, Superintendent.

Intermediate Epworth League at 7 P. M., Mr. Clyde H. Fraser, Superintendent.

Prayer Service on Wednesday at 4 P. M.

Public cordially invited to all services.

Miss Kittie Williams spent Easter with her parents in Bishopville.

Auto Thieves Active.

Automobile thieves have been active in Dillon during the week. A Mr. Oliver had a Ford stolen from in front of Mr. W. J. David's boarding house Tuesday night. A Pierce-Bethea had a car stolen from in front of his boarding house, and Tuesday night a traveling man had his Ford stolen from in front of the Hotel Wheeler.

April 1st Clean Up Day.

Let everybody join in this Clean-Up Campaign and help to make Dillon a cleaner, healthier and more attractive town.

EX-ROYALTY SERVE AS COOKS.

Remarkable Bread Line in Warsaw, Fed from Unusual Soup Kitchen.

Warsaw, March 27 — Forming every day in front of the Orthodox church on Podwal street, in this city, is the most remarkable bread line in the world, and the persons in the line are fed from a soup kitchen operated by perhaps the most unusual personnel in the world.

Both bread line and personnel are drawn from 1,000 Russian refugees of the upper classes, including nobles, diplomats, high officials of the former Russian Court, generals, land owners and professors.

Speaking of this pathetic bread line, Ludmila Lubinoff, head of the Russian relief work in Poland, says: "All of these refugees belong to the 'intelligentsia,' or intellectual class, which was such a force under the old regime in Russia. Professional men constitute a large percentage of the refugees, and they stand in a long queue in the yard at noon regardless of the weather, awaiting their turn for their meal at the public kitchen."

"They not only take their dinners at the public kitchen, but many of them find occupation there. People who a few years ago were very rich and powerful in Russian court circles are today serving in the dining room and kitchen as cooks and dish-washers and waiters."

"The kitchen and dining room are under the direction of members of the refugee colony, assisted by the American Red Cross. The manager of the public kitchen is a former colonel of the Russian Imperial Guard. The manager of the branch kitchen is Ostrow, once a celebrated professor; the controller is a count, former master of ceremony of the Imperial Court. As assistants he has a former cabinet minister and a former governor."

"Among the waitresses, two bear the title of Princess, one of Countess, one is the wife of an admiral, another the wife of a general. Coffee is poured by the wife of a famous general, assisted by a baroness and by the sister of a former governor-general."

"Meal tickets are handed out by a general, the woodshed is in charge of a former judge of the supreme court; the errand boy was once the lord mayor of a south Russian city; the pantry manager is a famous architect. Two army officers, one lawyer and one professor comprise the fuel brigade which cuts the wood for the kitchen."

Twentieth Century Mother's Club.

Mrs. O. M. Page and Mrs. W. A. Blizz rd entertained the Mother's Club at the home of Mrs. Blizzard on March 25th.

There was a large attendance and we were pleased to have a number of visitors present at this meeting. After a brief business session the club enjoyed an interesting program dealing with "The value of the story in training the child." Owing to the absence of the regular chairman, the club president, Mrs. Joe Lane, acted in this capacity.

The following papers and selections were read:

The value of an acquaintance with good literature to parents in choosing and in telling stories to children, and in training them in right conduct, Mrs. J. M. Sprunt.

Story Telling, Mrs. Bruce Hargrove.

An extract from Sec. 1 of Drapers' Self Culture read by Mrs. J. B. Gibson.

Reading, Mrs. O. M. Page.

Several musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Jack Watson.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Fitzhugh Bethea on April 25th.

PROGRAM

County Federation—School Auditorium April 9th, 10 o'clock.

Music.

Invocation — Rev. W. C. Allen.

Address of "Welcome"—Supt. W. D. Roberts.

Response — Mrs. D. K. Ford.

President's Address — Mrs. R. T. Renfrew.

Business Session.

Reports of County Workers—Miss McLeod, Public Health Nurse and Miss Etta Sue Sellers, Home Demonstration Agent.

Household Department, Winthrop College.

Reports of Clubs.

Recess for dinner 1-2 o'clock, Afternoon Session.

Music.

Reports Continued.

Address—Mrs. Jno. Drake, Corresponding Secretary, State Federation of Womens' Clubs.